

REMARKS

Claims 2-11 are pending in this application.

The Office Action dated October 19, 2004, has been received and carefully reviewed. Each issue raised in that Office Action is addressed below.

PAPERS SUBMITTED

Two IDS's have been filed in this application, one on April 27, 2001, and one on August 20, 2001. Form PTO-1449 from the August 20, 2001, IDS was initialed and attached to the May 19, 2004, Office Action. Form PTO-1449 from the April 27, 2001, IDS was not attached to the May 19, 2004, Office Action or the October 19, 2004, Office Action. While the October 19, 2004, Office Action acknowledges receipt of the April 27th IDS, the record as it presently stands does not show whether the examiner considered the references cited in that IDS. It is therefore again respectfully requested that the examiner return a copy of the form PTO-1449 that was attached to the April 27, 2001, IDS with the references initialed to indicate that these references were considered by the examiner (MPEP 609).

PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Onozaki. Claim 9 as amended requires an

input/output control circuit outputting a data packet from the information processing apparatus when the data packet includes a host transfer flag. The Office Action indicated that similar limitations from other allowed claims were not shown by the prior art. An apparatus that outputs a data packet when a host transfer flag is present is not shown or suggested by the prior art. For at least this reason, it is submitted that claim 9 and its dependent claims 10-11 are allowable over the art of record.

#### Conclusion

Each issue raised in the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, has been addressed, and it believed that claims 2-11 are now in condition for allowance. Wherefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-11 is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

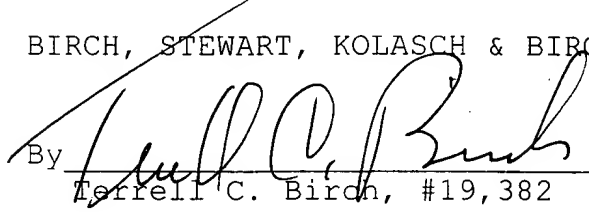
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
required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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